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Dear 

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I received your letter of 25 January several days ago. I have given it considerable thought, discussed some of the points contained therein with others who know you and your work, and reviewed my observations as well as some of the interviews I have had with personnel who have worked with and for you.

 it is very difficult to analyze one's self. Unfortunately most of us have not been given the power to see ourselves as others see us. You have seen your efficiency reports and you know that you are rated "Very Good" as a Bureau Chief. Obviously then it is not a question of whether or not you are satisfactory. Nevertheless, after careful consideration I still conclude that FBIB's best interests would be served by reassigning you to Washington this summer.

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I regret that you conclude that personalities have been involved and I wish to reassure you that this is not the case. I also regret that you feel you should be the last of our present Bureau Chiefs to be returned to the Washington Office. Our overall staffing problems make it necessary for us to subordinate the desires of individuals in this connection to the plans for the organization as a whole.

My decision has been made after careful consideration of the factors involved including your personal problems and preferences and is not arbitrary. Unfortunately there is no reason to assume that the cost of living in Washington is going to decrease appreciably in the foreseeable future. There is, therefore, no reason to assume that the problems confronting you will be any different at a later date, and I can see nothing to be gained by not facing the issue squarely at this time.

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I recognize that your experience is not easy to replace, I am grateful to you for your long hours of hard work, and I would regret

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25X1 very much to lose you from the organization. However, if accepting your resignation is the alternative to assigning you to Washington in your present grade as soon as the current [] term is over without further commitments as to your future assignments, I am afraid I will have to accept it reluctantly.

25X1 I hope that you will reconsider your decision. You would have a responsible job in Washington, be recognized as a valuable member of the staff, and I sincerely believe would enjoy your work and be happy here. If, however, your final decision is to resign I will accept your resignation at your convenience, and if you care to do so, I should be perfectly happy to have you remain [] until the services of a CAF-12 Bureau Chief are no longer considered essential, provided of course that you sign your resignation to become effective not later than the date on which that condition is determined by this office to have been reached, which is the only condition under which I would be permitted to recruit for a replacement.

Please think this over carefully and let me know at your earliest convenience so that I may make my future staffing plans.

Sincerely,

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